GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the annual fish production in India in both quantity and value during the last three years and the anticipated production during 2000-2001, state-wise;

(b) whether the government have any special scheme to promote fishing industry in India with the

(c) technological and scientific advancements;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have formed fisheries export promotion council which facilitate the export of fish; and

(f) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): The annual fish production during the last three years is as follows:

Fish Production

Year	Quantity (lakh tonnes)	Value (Rs.Crores)
1997-98	53.88	12,361
1998-99	52.62	12,478
1999-2000	56.56(Provisional)	13,412(Provisional)

State-wise anticipated fish production during the year 2000-01 is provided in the annexure.

(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. The Government of India are implementing a Scheme namely Development of Coastal Marine fisheries, which inter alia, include subsidy for motorisation of traditional crafts, provision of modern fishing gear, etc which will help using modern technology in fishing industry. Similarly, the ongoing Schemes for Fresh and Brackishwater aquaculture are intended to popularize scientific fish farming through training and input subsidies.

(d)&(e): The Marine Products Export Development Authority(MPEDA) has been set up under an act of Parliament (No.13 of 1972) Its function, inter alia, include.

(i) Development of marine products industry with special reference to exports.

(ii) Developing and regulating off-shore and deep sea fishing and undertaking measures for conservation and management of off shore and deep sea fisheries.

(iii) Registration of fishing vessels, processing plants, exporters and conveyances used.

(iv) Improving the marketing of marine products industry.

(v) Collection of statistics relating to marine products industry.

(vi) Training in various aspects of the marine products industry.